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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 83 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR KILLINGS
OF TWO BRONX MEN AND ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A THIRD MAN
Defendant Convicted After Jury Trial**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man was sentenced to 83 years to life in prison for killing two men and wounding a third in two shootings in 2019.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant will spend a lifetime behind bars for taking the lives of two people and wounding another man in two acts of senseless shootings within three months on Bronx streets. If you commit gun violence we will prosecute you to the fullest of our ability."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Dane Richardson, 40, last of 2137 Bruckner Boulevard, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy. The defendant was sentenced to 25 years to life for the murder of Nestor Ventura, 25 years plus five years of post-release supervision for the manslaughter of Stephon Brown, 25 years plus five years post-release supervision for the Attempted Murder of Rory Brown, to run consecutively. He was sentenced to eight years plus three years' post-release supervision on each of two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance. The sentences run consecutive to each other (except for the two drug sentences which run concurrent to each other) for a total of 83 years to life.

The defendant was found guilty of second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter, Attempted Murder in the second-degree, and two counts of third-degree Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance after a jury trial.

According to the investigation, on August 18, 2019, at approximately 3:50 a.m. in front of 539 Commonwealth Avenue, Richardson shot Nestor Ventura, 26, multiple times leading to his death. On November 17, 2019, at approximately 9:10 p.m. near 1725 Randall Avenue, the defendant shot and killed Stephon Brown, 19, and shot and wounded his brother, Rory Brown, 21, leading to his hospitalization.



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Richardson was arrested on December 4, 2019, at a motel on the New England Thruway, where he was found to be in possession of crack cocaine.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney John Miras, Counsel in the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Homicide Advocate Ana Pimentel of the Crime Victims Assistance Bureau.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives Thomas Slockbower and Shirley Perez-Romero of the 43rd Precinct, along with NYPD Detectives Dominic Robinson, Sasha Brugal of the Bronx Homicide Squad and Detective Sean Wolfenhaut of the Regional Fugitive Taskforce.

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